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無双 concerning the power of a king who can
create something from nothing.

おかしな世界。

超常能力

CLAY LORD

Chapter 1

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THE CONTEST BEGAN HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR IS...

AT THIS TIME, THE SELECTION OF THE GOLEM WHO WILL BE PLACED AS "GUARD" OF THE TREASURY ROOM WILL TAKE PLACE

IT'S FOR THE SAFE OF STRENGTHENING THE CASTLE'S SECURITY FROM RECENT DAMAGES BY BAD NATURED SCOUNDRELS.



TODAY, IS THE GOLEM CONTEST SPONSORED BY PRINCE CLAYZEN

FOR ALL OF YOU GOLEM HOLDERS WHO HAVE GATHERED.



THE BEST GOLEM WILL BE PURCHASED.

IT'S ALSO LIKELY THE MOST EXCELLENT HOLDER WILL RECEIVE SUPPORT-



WHAT? THIS IS A GOLEM CONTEST?



THIS IS
AMAZING!!

THERE'S
SO MANY
DIFFERENT
TYPES OF
GOLEMS!!



PASSIONATE



WHAH! THAT
GOLEM IS
HERMION-
GOUSH!



AH!
THERE'S
STALLS
SELLING
MOLDING
TOOLS
TOO!



EXTREMELY
HAPPY,
KUROGANE.

THIS
CONTEST IS
THE SOLE
FESTIVAL FOR SOLEM
MOLDERS.

YOUNG
MASTER CLAY
LOOKS HAPPY,
DOESN'T HE,
SHIROGANE?



SOLEMUS

THE
NOBILITY HAS SPREAD
THEM
ACROSS
THE
WORLD

THERE
ARE VARIOUS
TYPES
FROM THOSE
PRIZED AS
SLAVES
TO OTHERS
FOR MANUAL
LABOR

LIVING
DOLLS WHO
ARE DEVOTED
TO THE SOLEM
MOLDERS THAT
CREATED THEM
WITH EARTH
AND MAGIC.



DASH

MOD

ROGE, I'M
GOING TO GO
REGISTER
CLAY-SAMA.



I'LL GO
BUY SOME
FOR YOU.

OH, THAT'S
SOMETHING
THE YOUNG
MASTER
LIKES,
RIGHT?



MY, MY.



THIS ISN'T A
PLACE FOR
CHILDREN
TO PLAY.

BUT...
YOU'RE ALSO
A PARTY-
CRASHER?
IS THAT
SUPPOSED
TO BE
A JOKE?

MOD-
BRUY

OF
COURSE
I DID.

WHAT A
COOOOOL
DESIGN!

OH-SAY,
DID YOU
HAVE
THAT?

PFF!

AND
WITH THAT
GOLEM?

Point



MY BUTLER
SAID THAT
THIS WOULD
BE GOOD
EXPERIENCE
TOO...

NO, I
ACTUALLY
SAYD THE
SAME THING
BUT SHIRO
GANE... NO.

Assayed

Rehearsal



ARE YOU
SUGGESTING
THAT MUD
BALL CAN DO
SOMETHING?

Grrr

SMETH



NAG

CAN'T YOU
UNDERSTAND
THE LEVEL
THAT YOU'RE
SURROUNDED
BY?



Stomp
Stomp
Stomp

Sigh

YOU NEED TO
LEARN HOW
TO READ THE
ATMOSPHERE
A LITTLE
BETTER.

LET ME
PUT IT
BLUNTLY,
YOU'RE AN
EYESORE
HERE AND
COMPLETELY
OUT-OF-
PLACE.









Chatter

Chatter

PARTICIPATING
THIS TIME
IS LINKED
TO YOUR
STUDIES
AS A GOLEM
HOLDER.

IT'S FINE
IF YOU ACT
AT EASE.

AND YOU
SHOULD ALSO
REALIZE THE
VALUE OF

YOUR GOLEM
"CHOCOLATE
BALL"-----



CLAY IS
HERE

GUARD

Wave

Wave

OH, MY BAD.
MY BAD. I'M
NOT GONNA
DO ANYTHING
SUSPICIOUS.
I SWEAR.



HEARD

IT IS THE
FIRST TIME
I'VE SEEN
A LITTLE
GUY WITH
SUCH FLUID
MOVEMENTS.



SAW THE
DISTURBANCE
EARLIER.

ALL SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.
WE HAD
A REAL
FUFF...



I'M
LIZARD.

I'M PART
OF THE
SECURITY
STAFF
FOR THIS
CONTEST.



WOW!
HOW COOL!
GODDAM

GODDAM

GODDAM

IT WAS
OUT OF
THE
WORLD

DIDN'T YOU?
IT WAS
GREAT!
SUCH
CLOSED
DEVELOP-
MENT IS



OKAY...



THAT GUY
WILL BE
REMOVED
FROM THE
REGISTER
NEXT.

SINCE YOU
GUYS ARE
INTERESTING
I'LL SHOW
YOU AROUND
SPECIALLY.

K
U
K
U



RECENTLY, PUBLIC ROBBINGS HAVE GOTTEN A LOT OF FREEDOM AND IT'S CAUSING MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE SECURITY DIVISION, LIKE ME.

THIS ISN'T REALLY CONNECTED TO THE TREASURE ROOM.



WELL, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING HE WOULD SOMETIMES HOLD IT ANYWAY.

BECAUSE OF THAT, WE HAD THE PRINCE SET UP THIS CONTEST.



BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE NOBLES HAVE LOTS OF DIFFERENT KINDS.

SINCE DURING THIS ERA ONLY ONE OR TWO PEOPLE WILL HAVE SCARS LIKE THIS.



OH, IT'S BECAUSE HE HAD A SCAR ACROSS HIS FACE.

Tap Tap

...WHY DOES HE WEAR A MASK?



I THINK OF IT AS BEING KINDA SPECIAL.





A GOLEM
IS RUNNING
WILD.



WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

RUSH

AH...
SHIT.



SINCE
IT'S BECOME
LIKE THIS IT'LL
HAVE TO BE
DESTROYED...



EVERY TIME
SOMETHING'S A
CONTINGENCY
HAPPENING AT
LEAST ONCE
PROBABLY BY
SOME NEARBY-
BRED GUY.

Sigh

WHAT?!

ROOOAAAR

FURTHER-
MORE, THE
"EMETH"
WEAK POINT
IS ON ITS
FOREHEAD.

OR OTHER
GOLEMS TO
REACH THAT
SPOT.

IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE FOR
WEAPONS

BUT
THEY'VE
GIVEN UP

THAT'S THE
LARGEST
OF ALL THE
GOLEMS
THIS YEAR.

SCORE,

WIN

SLASH IT

POOP
READY

BANG

WITH A
SHOOP

THERE'S
TWO WAYS
TO BEAT A
GOLM. EITHER
DESTROY
IT WITH
OVER-
WHELMING
FORCE

THAT WILL
MAKE
IT INTO
"METH".

Weak
point

EMETH

CREATED
METH

OR, TAKE
AWAY THE
"E" FROM
THE "EMETH"
SOMEBODY
ON ITS BODY.



IF IT'S ONLY
SAIT MACH
THEN I'LL BE
FINE ON MY
OWN.

YOUNG
MASTER?



HAH?

AL, WELL
THEN,
I'LL GO
STOP IT.



I CAN'T
OVERLOOK
A GOLEM
DOING SUCH
DEPLORABLE
THINGS.

EVEN
I, THOUGH
UNIMPRESSIVE,
AM A GOLEM
HOLDER.



DON'T TALK
TO PEOPLE
LIKE THEY ARE
WILD ANIMALS,
KUROGANE!

ROGH!

BOOM
BOOM

NOOOOOO!
IF SO THEN
I'LL GO
AS YOUR
GUARD!!

THE YOUNG
MASTER
SHOULD HAVE
HIS HOME IN A
SAFE AREA!



SWISH



LISTEN UP,
CHOCOLATE.

TAKE ME
OVER
THERE.



Nod

CAN
YOU DO
IT?



Thud

THE
GROUND
CAME OUT
TO HELP
HERE.



SHIFT

EMETH



TAKE ME
AS FAST
AS YOU
POSSIBLY
CAN---

I NEED
TO REACH
THAT BIGGEST
GOLEM OVER
THERE.



...ORIGINALLY
GOLEM MEANT
"SOMETHING
WITHOUT
FORM"...

OH, OH,
WHAT'S
THAT?

ELUE

ELUE

AND
CREATED A
COMPLETELY
NEW TYPE
OF GOLEM.

AND
DEVELOPED HIS
OWN IDEAS ON
THE MATTER
WHICH HADN'T
BEEN DONE
BEFORE ..

CLAY-GAMA
TOOK A HINT
FROM THAT



OH-UM

IT TAKES
SOIL FROM THE
SURROUNDING
AREA AND
SUPPLIES
ITS FORM...



PIK

IT HAS THE
GREATEST
RESEMBLANCE
TO THE VERY
FIRST TYPES.

PIK

PIK



A TRANS-
FORMING
GOLEM.

SHHHHF

THAT'S
CLAY-
SAMA'S

"CHOCOLATE
BALL".

YOUNG
MASTER, BE
CAREFUL...

I'M
GOING
NOW.







WHAT THE
HELL IS
THAT?



TO A
MOLDER
A GOLEM'S
HARDNESS
HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH
ANYTHING.



FOR THE
"TOOLS"
A GOLEM
HOLDER
CARRIES



SLIP



CAN MAKE
"EARTH"
ACT IN
AGREEMENT
WITH A
MOLDER'S
MAGIC.



WHOOOSH

FLAP





THAT WILL
MAKE IT
"METH"!!

AH.

!!

CRUMBLE

CRACK

SWAY





SOMEONE
WITH THE
AVERAGE
AMOUNT
OF GUTS
COULDN'T
HAVE
PULLED
IT OFF.

AT ANY
RATE, YOU DID
PRETTY DAMN
WELL FOR
JUST BEING
A LITTLE KID.



ALSO,
THAT'S THE
FIRST TIME
I SAW

A GOLEM
THAT COULD
TRANSFORM
ITS SHAPE.



...NO,
BUT...

THIS LITTLE
ONE CAN
ONLY BECOME
THAT ONE
TYPE NOW.

FEELS
LIKE AN
INDESCRIB-
ABLE DREAM.

THE IMPOSSIBLE
DREAMS OF A MAN
HAVE COME
TRUE

Nod



HAVE YOU,
WHADDA
ABOUT?

Shunigh

THOUGH THE
CONTEST THIS
TIME IS MAINLY
RECRUITING
"SHARD" TYPES

SO
UNFORTUNATELY
I'LL HAVE TO
WITHDRAWAL
FROM HERE.

Shunigh



THIS IS
A GREAT
CHANCE
TO FIND A
SPONSOR
AND CLIENTS,
RIGHT?

IF SO THEN
WHY DID YOU
SUDDENLY
JUMP IN?

FOR
A HOLDER THE
OUTCOME OF
THE CONTEST
WILL RESULT
IN A RAISE IN
STATUS.

WHA?
BUT...



IF YOU'D
JUST WAITED
A LITTLE
LONGER

THE
CANNON
AND TURRETS
WOULD HAVE
BEEN ABLE
TO TAKE
CARE OF IT.



WASN'T IT
BETTER
TO GET
IT OVER
WITH AS
QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE?

ALL THE
MORE SO
IF IT COULD
PREVENT PEOPLE
FROM GETTING
INJURED.



IN THAT
SITUATION IT'S
FOR THE BEST
IF EVERYTHING
IS SETTLED
QUICKLY...

I CAN
ALWAYS
PARTICIPATE
IN ANOTHER
CONTEST,
RIGHT?



K
U
K
U
AH, GEEZ.
THAT'S
CERTAINLY
TRUE. I
GET IT...



BUHAH!

HUH?



**SHORT
BREAK**





BUT PLEASE
DON'T FORGET

THERE'S
ALSO A
LOT OF
DANGER
INVOLVED
AT SUCH
TIMES.



YOU WERE
ABLE TO JUDGE
THE SITUATION
ON YOUR OWN
IN AN INSTANT.

THAT TYPE
OF PERFORMANCE IS
ONE OF
YOUR GOOD
POINTS.
CLAY-SHALL



WHEN YOU
MADE SUCH
AN AUDACIOUS
DECISION...

HONESTLY,
ROSE ALSO
WANTED TO
STOP YOU.



EVEN IF
IT'S JUST
AS MUCH
AS THIS
TIME...







**SOMETHING
IS STRANGE.**



*EVEN IF
YOU TAKE
INTO
ACCOUNT
THE FACT
HE'S
JUST A
CHILD IT
STILL
SEEMS
AWFULLY
EXCESSIVE.*



*THE WAY
THOSE
SERVANTS
AND THEIR
MASTER
WORRY
ABOUT
EACH
OTHER
MAKES
THEM
SEEM
ALMOST AS
CLOSE AS
SIBLINGS.*

*CLAY ALSO
SEEMS TO BE A
RATHER HUMBLE
MASTER.*



HM?

AH,
THAT'S
RIGHT,
LEARD-
SAN.

*IT COULD BE SAID
THERE'S ONE LIKE
THAT IN EVERY
HOUSEHOLD*

*BUT, I GET THE
FEELING THAT
THIS LEVEL IS
REALLY GOING
FAR BEYOND
THE NORM.*

...THIS IS
WHAT I
REMOVED
FROM THE
GOLEM
EARLIER.

THERE'S
A WOUND
RUNNING
ACROSS THE
"S", ISN'T
THERE?

Swish

BEFORE
WE GO BACK
I'D LIKE TO
TALK TO YOU
ABOUT SOME-
THING...

Nod

Nod

THIS LETTER
IS THE PART THAT
CONCERNS THE
LIFE AND DEATH
OF THE GOLEM.

SO I THINK
THIS WOUND IS
PROBABLY THE
REASON IT
STARTED TO
RAMPADE.

I DON'T GET
THE FEELING
THAT IT WAS
MEANT TO
NOTE THE
RAMPADE...

INSTEAD, IT
SEEMS LIKE
THERE WAS
A MORE
COMPLEX
RESULT
INTENDED....

THERE'S
ATTACHED
SOMEbody
CONTAINING
THE MAGIC
OF SOMEONE
OTHER THAN
THE MANU-
FACTURER!!

AND
ONLY
IN THIS
WOUND
...

Rub



...IT'S ONLY A
MAYBE, BUT
PERHAPS...

ANYWAY,
I WOULD
LIKE FOR YOU
TO TELL THE
CASTLE'S
HOLDERS
ABOUT
THIS.



THERE ARE
PEOPLE AT THIS
CONTEST WITH
DIFFERENT
GOALS.

ARE YOU
SERIOUS...?



YOU CAN
REALLY GET
THAT FEELING
JUST FROM
THIS THING?

*Others are
interested*



Hehe

CLAY
SAAAA?

HA...
WELL IF
YOU PUT IT
THAT WAY,
THERE'S
NO OTHER
CHOICE...

YOU WENT
OUT OF YOUR
WAY SO
I COULD
STUDY THE
WORLD TODAY,
RIGHT?

BUT, SHI-
ROGANE,

GOING BACK
WITHOUT
DOING
ANYTHING
SEEMS LIKE
A REAL
WASTE...

I MEAN, I
EVEN WENT
OUT OF
MY WAY TO
COME
OUT...

BUT, IF
ANYTHING
SHOULD
HAPPEN
TO YOU
THEN...

Guh

AND IT'S THE
CASE THIS
TIME TOO.

EVERY-
THING IS
TO GAIN
EXPERI-
ENCE.

WE'LL
DO OUR
BEST!

TCH.

IF SOMETHING
COMES OUT
I'LL PROTECT
THE HOUSE'S
HONOR!

SULK

I UNDER-
STAND...

Have
[stranger]
[sister]

SO
YOU'LL
HELP
OUT?

Now the
[stranger]
[sister]
[sister]

YOU'RE
PROBABLY
WONDERING
WHO WE ARE,
RIGHT?

WE ARE
THE ONE
AND ONLY
RECENT
DESCENT
SCANS!



TRANSLATOR/CLEANER:
MORBID CHARADE
TYPESETTER/REDRAWN:
WOLF

WOLVES COME!

GET BACK TO WORK, YOU LAZY BUNNY

WOLF CTBQ

I THINK WE SHOULD REPEL AGAINST THE TRANSLATION

USAA CCLQ

I HAVE A GREAT IDEA TO ATTRACT NEW PEOPLE TO OUR ECONOMIC CAUSE.

WUTTER SHOREBQ

REALLY FINEST MATHQ

PLEASE CLEANSE



I'M THE NEW LEAD

STAY

I DON'T GO CARRY HOME I BOMB! TERRY

NO ONE TRANSLATE

WE NEED A CLEANER TO JOIN OUR CAUSE! WE HAVE CAROT AND EVERYTHING! WE DON'T...J